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10 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

12 JOSE ALFREDO RIVERA-RUIZ, on
13 behalf of himself and a class of
14 all others similarly situated,

15 Plaintiff,

16 v.

17 DOUGLAS COUNTY; GORDON EDGAR,
18 Prosecuting Attorney for Douglas
19 County, in his official and
20 individual capacities; U.S.
21 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY;
22 KEVIN McALEENAN, in his official
23 capacity as Acting Secretary of
 the Department of Homeland
 Security, and the UNITED STATES
 OF AMERICA,

17 Defendants.

18 NO. _____

19 **DECLARATION OF**
20 **CHRISTIAN CERVANTES**

21 I, Christian Cervantes, declare under penalty of perjury:

22 1. I am a paralegal at ESPADA CRIMINAL DEFENSE, P.S., the
23 law firm representing Mr. Rivera-Ruiz in the case of the State
 of Washington v. Jose Rivera, Douglas County Superior Court
 case number 19-1-00014-09, and the above-captioned case.

1 2. On May 6, 2019 I called the Douglas County Superior
2 Court clerk's office to ask about the procedures practiced in
3 the superior court of said county.

4 3. I introduced myself and asked about who I could talk
5 to about procedures practiced in Douglas County Superior Court.

6 4. I spoke with a gentleman who identified himself as
7 Brycen.

8 5. Brycen stated that defense counsel is not provided to
9 defendants at preliminary hearings - present at the preliminary
10 hearing is the prosecutor, the defendant, jail as well and
11 court staff.

12 6. A public defender is provided for defendants in
13 advance of and for their scheduled arraignment date.

14 7. I proceeded to ask Brycen whether this is a new
15 procedure and he stated that this has been the procedure since
16 he has been working at the clerk's office for approximately the
17 past 12 years.

18 8. My subsequent review of the Douglas County website
19 revealed Brycen Greenwood is listed as Chief Deputy Clerk.
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I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE
STATE OF WASHINGTON THAT THE ABOVE IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this this 14TH day of MAY 2019.

CHRISTIAN CERVANTES
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